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SUBJECT: COLLINS RADIO EXPORT LICENSES

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1. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF BERJON/LENEHAN VISIT TO ALGIERS IS TO CORRECT PROBLEM WHICH HAS ARISEN AS RESULT RELEASE BY COLLINS OF RADIO EQUIPMENT NOW INSTALLED IN TWO ALGERIAN NAVAL PATROL BOATS BEFORE RECEIVING MC LICENSE TO DO SO. BACKGROUND OF SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. ON JANUARY 19, 1976 COLLINS SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR MC LICENSE TO EXPORT 13 ARC-159 TRANCEIVERS TO ITS SUBSIDIARY IN ITALY FOR CONSIGNMENT TO ITALIAN SHIPYARD WHERE PATROL BOATS WERE BEING CONSTRUCTED FOR ALGERIA. ACCORDING TO COLLINS ON JANUARY 30 EQUIPMENT WAS INADVERTENTLY SHIPPED TO ITALY ALONG WITH OTHER NON MC EQUIPMENT. WHEN MISTAKE WAS DISCOVERED (IN FEBRUARY) COLLINS ADVISED ITALIAN SUBSIDIARY TO HOLD 13 TRANCEIVERS
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IN BOND. HOWEVER IN MAY TWO OF THE TRANCEIVERS WERE

RELEASED TO THE SHIPYARD AND WERE PLACED IN BOATS THAT WERE THEN SENT TO ALGERIA. SINCE THAT TIME TWO MORE TRANCEIVERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO THE SHIPYARD BUT THE BOATS IN WHICH THEY ARE INSTALLED ARE STILL IN ITALIAN

HANDS. COLLINS IS NOW IN PROCESS OF GATHERING 9 REMAINING TRANCEIVERS FOR RETURN TO US AND ALSO IS ATTEMPTING TO RETRIEVE 2 WHICH HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN BOATS STILL IN ITALY. PURPOSE OF VISIT TO ALGERIA IS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING ALGERIANS TO AGREE TO RETURN TWO TRANCEIVERS NOW IN THEIR POSSESSION IN EXCHANGE FOR NON-US EQUIPMENT OF COMPARABLE QUALITY.

3. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO EXPORT 13 TRANCEIVERS WAS FIRST HELD UNDER CONSIDERATION AND FINALLY IN SEPTEMBER DISAPPROVED BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE MILITARY APPLICATION OF BOATS IN WHICH EQUIPMENT WAS INSTALLED. COLLINS HAS SINCE INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT BOATS ARE IN FACT SMALL COASTAL SURVEILLANCE CRAFT WITH NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY APPLICATION. IF THIS IS TRUE NEGATIVE DECISION ON LICENSE MIGHT BE RECONSIDERED THUS RESOLVING MATTER. COLLINS REPS TELL US THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF GATHERING INFORMATION TO PRESENT CASE TO THIS EFFECT.

4. IN VIEW OF NATURE OF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED AND EVIDENT GOOD WILL ON PART OF COLLINS IN ATTEMPTING TO CORRECT SITUATION ONCE MISTAKE DISCOVERED MC IS NOT PRESENTLY DISPOSED TO REFER MATTER FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. GIVEN POSSIBLE SENSITIVITY OF GOA IN THIS AREA EMBASSY MAY WISH TO TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION IN ADVISING LENEHAN AND BERJON ON HOW TO PURSUE MATTER. SIMPLEST SOLUTION IS FOR COLLINS TO PRODUCE INFORMATION THAT WOULD ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO RECONSIDER CASE AND GRANT APPROVAL FOR EXPORT OF TRANCEIVERS FOR INSTALLATION IN ALGERIAN BOATS. KISSINGER

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